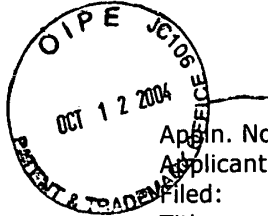


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Applicant: Koichi Hata, et al.
Filed: December 18, 2000
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMAGE DATA PROCESSING
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1451	1,510	1451	1,510			Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
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